**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church**

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**Church doors are open from 7:30am - 7:30pm.**

**April 13, 2025, Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion**

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**Pastoral Staff and Extensions**

Rev. Thomas Diaz, Pastor, #4, Day off-Mondays

Chris Giacometti, Office Manager, #1

Mass times:Extension, #2

Jennifer Bedoka, Faith Formation, #3

**Sacraments and Devotions**

**Reconciliation:** Sundays: 9:45-10:15am.,

Tues: 11:45 -12:10pm,

**Marriage:** One year notice to the pastor.

**Infant Baptism:** 1month notice. Next class TBA

**Welcoming Church:** Sunday: 1pm/classroom.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please call Fr. Tom.

**Exposition: Thursday after evening Mass until 11 pm.**

**The Rosary:** ½ hr. before weekday Masses.

**The Divine Chaplet:** Tues. after noon Mass

**Evening Office:** Sundays during lent at 6 pm.

**Liturgy of the Word for Children:** During 10:30 Mass on Sundays

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

**Sat. Apr. 12 4 +** Manuel & Melencita Bacani

**Sun. Apr. 13 8:30** Ints. Augustine Chang

**10:30**  People of the Parish

**Mon. April 14 8:15** Ints. of Gina Costa **Tue. Apr. 15 12:15** Ints. Charles Mc Collum

**Wed. Apr. 16 8:15 +** Gene Felton

Thu. Apr. 17 7 pm All Souls

Sat. April 19 8 pm Special Ints.

Sun. April 20 8:30 Ints. of the Parish

10:30 Special ints.

**EVENTS OF THE WEEK**

**Sun. Apr. 13** **1 pm.** Welcoming Church

**Sun. Apr. 20 11:30 am. Easter Egg Hunt**

**April 14, Monday of Holy Week**

Mass 8:15 am.

Taize Prayer Service at 7 pm.

**April 15, Tuesday of Holy Week**

Mass 12:15 pm.

**April 16, Wednesday of Holy Week** Mass 8:15 am.

**April 17,** **Holy Thursday**

Mass of the Last Supper Mass 7 pm.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to 11 pm.

**April 18, Good Friday**

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 1:30 pm.

Way of the Cross 6:30 pm.

**April 19, Holy Saturday**

The Easter Vigil Mass 8 pm.

**April 20, Easter Sunday**

8:30 am. & 10:30 am. Masses

**Readings for this Sunday**

[**At the Procession with Palms:** Luke 19:28-40](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/041325.cfm), [**Reading I:** Isaiah 50:4-7](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/041325.cfm), [**Reading II:** Philippians 2:6,11](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/041325.cfm), [**Gospel:** Luke 22:14-23:56.](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/041325.cfm)

**King? Really?** This Sunday, called “Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion” has two halves to it, palms and passion. They stand in jarring contrast to each other. Let us look.*1) The palms, thrown from the people’s hands, proclaim Jesus’ kingship.* In the Mass, we hold palms during the ritual procession, just as those did who lined the road long ago. This opening part of this Mass is more than just another historical reenactment; it is a proclamation of Jesus as king. This moment is the first half of the jarring contrast.You may never have dwelt on this kingly aspect, but there are multiple clues in the [First Gospel](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/041325.cfm) (the one that takes place just before the palm procession itself). First, he rode on a colt, the animal that was used for royalty’s entrance into a city. The disciples spread their cloaks over the colt’s back as they would do for a king.Crowds along the way greet Jesus as a royal hero. They smooth their coats on the roadway, then cover these with palm branches cut from the fields. This was in order to soften the pathway for the kingly one and to keep the dirt off of him. They cry out, “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”*2) The soldiers, mocking and doing their best to destroy his kingship*The Mass itself and its [Passion Reading](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/041325.cfm) commemorate the ridiculed and foolish tale of Jesus’ kingship. Soldiers tie him up and yell, “King of the Jews,” to deride this poor, ridiculous captive. They jam a “royal” crown made of thorns on his head. They wrap a fake robe of purple around him (the color reserved for kings because of the rarity of this hew in those days). They spit on him. They strike him. They laugh. They make a tortured fool out of this great “king.”The [First Reading](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/041325.cfm) had already told us why such torture happened. Because the King chose it. The reading says,I have not rebelled, I have not turned around. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.Have you ever been made a fool in front of people? Do you remember how it felt? You or I would have cried out, “My God, why have you abandoned me?” The [Responsorial Psalm](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/041325.cfm) says exactly these words, and Jesus will say them from the cross.But are these the words of a king? Does such a total surrender represent kingly action? No? Jesus, king of kings, “did not regard equality with God as something to cling to”—for safety or honor or for whatever else. As the greatest king he emptied himself out, became like a slave, obedient even to death on the cross ([Second Reading](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/041325.cfm)). This was in allegiance to God and in service of the people. What a jarring contrast. It is put to rest because Jesus knew who he was, even under the worst duress and strife. He was, no matter what, *the one who loves.*  Is this our imagined Kingly greatness? No. It is the opposite. The real basis of rulership is service to God’s people, no matter what. The good ruler pulls a kingdom together and makes it safe, a place of abundance. If he/she accomplish such a goal (and in the USA we are experiencing this) no kingly suffering could be too great. Palm/Passion Sunday is a large-scale revelation of kingship’s real meaning. Love, John Foley, SJ

**Discussion Question: Pope Francis asks what happened to those people who in admiration for Jesus, cried “Hosanna” but shortly afterward shouted “Crucify him.” What were they missing?**

**Please pray for our infirmed:** Kendall Campers, Veronica Campers, Gus Chang, Gina Costa, Patrick Dempsey, Marlene Dentoni, John Diaz, Tim Diestel,, Marcella Dorado, Rosita Faltado, Louise Galassi, Nancy Keegan, Alan Hennessy, Jan Hoermer, April Lynch, Lucy Madia, Patrick Maloney, Frank Manhoso, Bill Mish, Char Mayclin, Debbie Molakides, Mary Jane Nolan, Sione Palu, Paula Panko, Nicholas Patrick, Rivas Family, Raymond Pellinacci, Theresa Rosser, Robert Scarpone, Don Scott, Delia Stewart, Dominique Tarrant, Cecilia Tarrant, Jim Turegano, Betty Vega, Arthur Walsh, Ellen and Zachary Walsh.

Please pray for those who have died, especially Aurora Abadines, and keep her family in your prayers.

**Parish Stewardship****:** 4/6 $5,490. The 2nd collection today is for building Maintenance.

**Diocesan Annual Ministry Appeal** Pledged **$54,820,** Families:**142 = 25% of the parish families**

***SEAS Women’s Guild is accepting applications for the 2025 scholarship program. The scholarship amount is $1,000. Applications can be picked up at the parish office. The Deadline: turn into the parish office by Wed. April 30th***

***Faith Formation Ministry***

***Quote of the Week***

*“The family is called to be the temple or house of prayer, simple prayer, full of effort and tenderness. A prayer that makes life so life becomes a prayer.”*

***Pope Saint John Paul II”***

***Sunday, April 13th***

***9:30 am*** *1st Year Confirmation*

***10:30 am*** *Children’s Liturgy of the Word*

***5-6:30 pm*** *Atrium Level 3*

***5-6:30 pm*** *Confirmation Class* ***Tuesday, April 15th***

***4-5:30 pm*** *Atrium L1 and L2*

***Wednesday, April 16th***

***2-3 pm*** *1st Year Sacramental Prep*

***3 to 3:30pm*** *May Crowning Practice*

***3:30-4:30 pm*** *2nd Year Sacramental Prep*

***4:30-5 pm*** *May Crowning Practice*

***Sunday, April 20th, Easter***

***No 1st Confirmation Classes or atrium level 3***

***10:30 am*** *Children’s Liturgy of the Word*

***SAVE THE DATE***

***Fri, May 2nd May Crowning Practice -5:30 pm***

***Sat., May 31st 1st Communion at 11:30 am*  *EASTER EGG HUNT***

***Sponsored by Faith Formation***

***(Don’t forget your Easter Basket)***

***SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH, AFTER 10:30 AM MASS***

***START TIME AROUND 11:45 AM***

***LOCATION: NEAR THE SES VINEYARD***

***(ACROSS THE PARKING LOT)***

***ALL AGES ARE WELCOME***

***AGES 0-5, 6-11, 11-17,18-100***

***Registration for 2025-2026 will be available!***

[***https://forms.gle/ZMUevMm9Mr8kZGuu5***](https://forms.gle/ZMUevMm9Mr8kZGuu5)

***Faith Formation Inquiries, please fill out form!***

**Ministry Schedule Apr. 12th & 13th**

**4 pm. Mass**

**Readers:** Marie Ebbing, Caroline Stevens

**EMS:** Maureen Sheridan Scott, Linda Mish, Bill Yates

**Ushers:** Carmen Crisafulli, Olivia Salazar

**Greeters:** Tony & Julie Piazza

**8:30 am. Mass**

**Readers:** Phillip Alvarado, Scott Crossen

**EMS:** Remie Alinas, Armando Argueto, Diane Cook

**Ushers:** Maureen Sheridan Scott, Mary Thayer

**Greeter:** Larry & Jo Ruminson

**10:30 am Mass**

**Readers:** Scott & Mila Morrical

**EMS:** Giovanna Desimone, Evelyn Estrella, Mila Morrical

**Ushers:** Mila Morrical, Sally Shami

**Greeters:** Fred & Janet Adam

**Holy Thursday, 7 pm.**

**Readers:** Maureen Sheridan Scott, Linda Anderson

**EMS:** Dianne Foppoli, Beth Turegano, Evelyn Estrella

**Ushers:** Maureen Sheridan Scott, Dianne Foppoli

**Greeters:** Pat Yates, Patty Ramos

**Good Friday, 1:30 pm.**

**Readers:** Mary Denson, Fred Adam

**EMS:** Maureen Sheridan Scott, Diane Cook, Gloria Bacani

**Ushers:** Tony & Beth Turegano

**Greeters:** Mary Thayer, Patty Ramos

**Ministry Schedule Apr.19th & 20th**

**8 pm Easter Vigil Mass**

**Readers:** Tony Madia, Heigi Pillor

**EMS:** Bill Yates, Dianne Foppoli, Luisa Bustillos

**Ushers:** Bill Yates, Tony Turegano

**Greeters:** Ron & Debra Ciarasso

**8:30 am Mass**

**Readers:** Marie Ebbing, Maureen Sheridan Scott

**EMS:** John Buhagiar, Dave Grundman, Joanne Bishop

**Ushers:** Liz Ritchie, Diane Cook

**Greeters:** Larry & Jo Ruminson

**10:30 am Mass**

**Readers:** Scott Crossen, Evelyn Estrella

**EMS:** Nora John, X, Evelyn Estrella

**Ushers:** Mila & Scott Morrical

**Office Update**

The office will be closed on Good Friday. It will be open on Tuesday April 22nd at 9 am. Have a blessed Easter. **If you are planning to use the Easter envelope to make your Easter Sunday donation we would appreciate it if you write your envelope number and your name on the front of the envelope. This will allow us to be sure you are credited for your donation. Thank you for your generosity.**

**Greeters:** Sally Abdelnour, Nativity Mata

**WE THANK ALL THOSE WHO HAVE PLEDGED TO THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL THROUGH MARCH**

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**Thank You!, Gracias!, Salamat, Cảm ơn bạn,**

**Looking ahead: Fr. Tom will be away the week after Easter and return Sat the 27th at night**

**Holy Week**

**Holy Week is the most sacred seven days each year in the Catholic Church. Palm Sunday to the solemn foot washing on Holy Thursday,** **the commemoration on Christ’s Passion on Good Friday, and the anticipation and celebration of His Resurrection at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening, each day holds a unique significance in Catholic Tradition.** As we embark on this spiritual pilgrimage, we are invited to walk alongside Jesus and his disciples, witnessing the unfolding drama of salvation history. May Holy Week be for you a time of deep reflection, transformative worship, and a renewed commitment to the merciful love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

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**Palm Sunday: Jesus Enters Jerusalem**

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, a day that echoes with the elated cries of “Hosanna in the highest heaven!” (Matt. 21:9). Jesus enters Jerusalem, where crowds lay palm branches at his feet, recognizing him as the long-awaited Messiah. The symbolic act of laying down palm branches was a gesture of homage reserved for kings and dignitaries in ancient Israel, in this case acknowledging Jesus as the rightful King of Israel (Mark 11:1–11; Luke 19:28–40; John 12:12–19). As Jesus enters the holy city riding a donkey, the crowd is filled with anticipation, reverence, and jubilation.

**Holy Wednesday: A Day of Preparation**

On Wednesday of Holy Week, Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve apostles, decides to betray Jesus, handing Christ over to the high priests and Temple guards:

*So he agreed, and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of the multitude* (Luke 22:6).

Since Judas was acting as their spy, this day has become known as “[Spy Wednesday](https://www.catholic.com/magazine/online-edition/the-spy-mission-of-judas-iscariot).” Some traditions consider it a day of preparation. A close study of the Gospels shows that the betrayal involves detailed and time-sensitive planning.

**Holy Thursday**: Jesus Washing the Feet of His Disciples

commemorates the Last Supper. On Holy Thursday, Jesus institutes the Eucharist and washes the feet of his apostles. This is captured in John 13:5, which depicts the humility, service, and love of Christ that we, his disciples, are called to emulate. In a culture where washing feet was a task relegated to servants, Jesus, the Son of God, takes on the role of a servant and thereby ordains His apostles as the first ministerial priests of the New Covenant (see Matt 20:25–28; 18:1–4).

*When he had washed their feet, and taken his garments, and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you”*(John 13:12–15)*.* The Holy Thursday foot washing ceremony has deep religious significance: according to Tradition, it represents the service and charity of Christ, who came “not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Matt. 20:28).

The season of Lent ends on the evening of Holy Thursday, which commences the Easter Triduum or **“Paschal**[**Triduum**](https://www.catholic.com/encyclopedia/triduum)**,”** a three-day period named after Jesus’s offering Himself as the New Covenant Passover Lamb of God, and which concludes with Evening Prayer (Vespers) on Easter Sunday.

**Good Friday**: Commemorates Jesus’s Sacrifice of the Cross

Good Friday, the most solemn day of Holy Week, commemorates the Passion of Jesus Christ. It is a day of reflection, penance, and deep contemplation on the ultimate sacrifice made for the redemption of humanity. Christ’s Passion, culminating in his crucifixion and death, reminds us of the weight of our sin and the unfathomable love of God. Catholics around the world participate in solemn liturgies, reflecting on our Lord’s redemptive suffering, venerating the Cross, and receiving Holy Communion.

The Catholic Church observes the “Adoration of the Cross” during the Good Friday Celebration of the [Passion of the Lord](https://www.catholic.com/audio/cal/cal-7975). In this ritual, the faithful approach the cross, often adorned with flowers, and venerate it with reverent gestures, such as kissing or genuflecting. It is a powerful ritual that encapsulates the deep sorrow of the day while acknowledging the transformative power of Christ’s sacrifice.

Finally, there is also reception of Holy Communion *without* the Sacrifice of the Mass, because Good Friday commemorates *the* day Our Lord offered Himself on behalf of us (Matt. 26:26–28).

**Holy Saturday:** A Day of Vigil and Anticipation

Holy Saturday is a day of vigil, a period of waiting and anticipation. The Easter Vigil, the summit of the Paschal Triduum on Holy Saturday evening, is a profound liturgical celebration that takes place after nightfall. This ancient tradition, dating back to the fourth century, marks the high point of the Triduum and thus ignites the celebration of our Lord’s Resurrection from the dead. At the Easter Vigil Mass, the Paschal—or Easter—Proclamation is made, which is part of the ceremony to light the paschal candle.

Known in Latin as “The Exsultet,” the Proclamation and the Easter Vigil’s baptismal liturgy symbolize together our journey from darkness to light and death to new life in Christ.

**Easter Sunday** stands as the sacred triad culminating with the joyous celebration of Easter. It encapsulates the great [mystery of Christ’s passion, death, and resurrection](https://www.catholic.com/magazine/online-edition/how-to-understand-the-cross).

the mysteries of redemption and salvation.

**Prayer for Holy Week**

**Jesus my Lord,** let me strengthen my courage by taking on the courage of all those people who have been "centurions" for me. Many have faced disasters and hard times with great constancy. The upper hand of evil never turned them against you. They kept going. Let me be like them, Lord. No matter what the cross, let me never stop declaring you to be "truly the Son of God, the source of my hope, the reason why I will never quit on life. Amen